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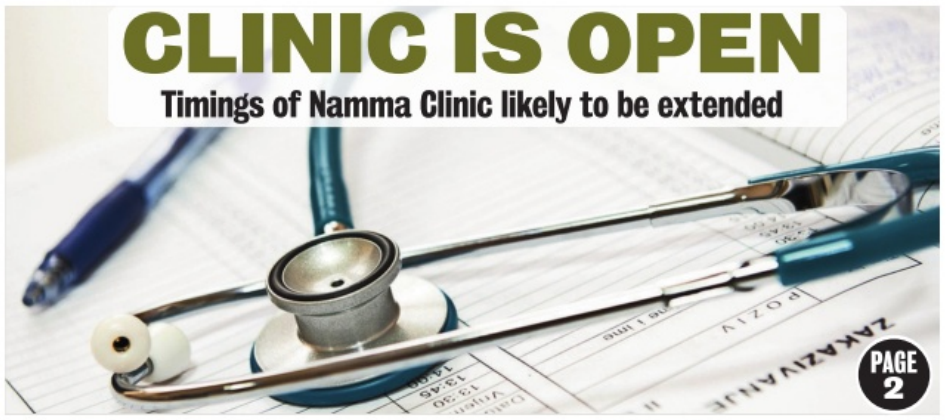

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Fish kills in city's lakes have become too common

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Most polluted areas also have high land surface temperature as pollutants trap solar radiation; Hombegowda Nagar, Peenya and Bapuji Nagar are most polluted in city, researchers find

IN THE HOT SEAT

Tip to policy-makers: Focus on public transport, better waste management

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A group of researchers from Rajasthan have studied the land surface temperature and pollutants concentration in Bengaluru and have identified Hombegowda Nagar, Peenya, and Bapuji Nagar as the most polluted areas in the city. Bapuji Nagar also has a high land surface temperature (LST) due to its sizeable impervious surface and built-up area.

The study conducted by researchers from Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan also shows that the concentration of PM 2.5 in the above three areas exceeded World Health Organisation's (WHO) standards on multiple occasions.

While the concentration of air pollutants for the study was obtained from 10 CAAQMS stations installed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) as part of the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP) and satellite data was used to analyse the land surface temperature.

"We used this data for 2018–2022 and the results indicated that Hombegowda Nagar, Peenya, and Bapuji Nagar (B4) were pollution

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File photo of a sudden rush of black smoke when garbage and dry leaves on the side of the road caught fire

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WARNING IN THE AIR

"Decision makers must look at strengthening the public transport system, apart from bringing in other measures such as staggering office timings to reduce vehicular congestion during peak traffic hours

– Nivedita Kaul, Malaviya National Institute of Technology

Heritage makeover

After years of neglect, restoration work finally begins at Government Museum

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One of the oldest archaelogical and heritage sites in the city, the Government Museum, established in 1877 devoted to the regional history covering the cultural, sociological and historical aspects of Bengaluru, was slowly falling into ruin due to neglect. Years of poor maintenance had left the museum in a bad condition. Now after 146 years, restoration work has been taken up at the museum. The museum will presumably be closed down to the public for the next two years.

The museum was built in 1877 by Col. Richard Hieram Sankey, the Chief Engineer of Mysore State at that time. The Annex block and the passageway were later added in 1962 with provision of a store on the first floor to cater to the growing needs.

A few days ago, a banner was put up in front of the government museum stating that the museum premises and parking will remain temporarily closed for the public to carry out the restoration works. When Bangalore Mirror visited the site on Tuesday, we observed that the restoration works had already begun.

On one side of the museum near the entrance, a portion was filled with debris and there was leakage in the walls causing it to be damp. The paint had started to fade and chip off at some places and some

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Love for Karnad

Known for curating and presenting quality art programmes, Bhoomija Trust is bringing Girish Karnad's Tughlaq. This Kannada play is designed by popular stage designer and art director, MS Sathyu. It is directed by S Surendranath. The play features a stellar cast of several popular Kannada television, theatre, and film actors.
Where: Ranga Shankara; When: Friday, June 30; 7:30 pm and Saturday, July 1; 3:30 pm–7:30 pm

02 Tiger zones

Here's a chance for art enthusiasts to visit the captivating world of wildlife art and immerse themselves in the majestic world of tigers. 'The Kingdom of Tigers' is a solo symphony by Odisha-born artist Anup Kumar Chand that explores the interplay between different artistic genres.
Where: Gallery G- Gallery 1, The Atrium, 38 Maini Sadan, 7th Cross, Lavelle Road; When: June 21–July 3; 10 am to 6:30 pm (Monday to Saturday)

03 Dance show

Alliance Francaise de Bangalore is presenting Bengaluru's largest single-day dance gathering thai Friday. Sri Gururaju is going to present Kuchipudi and several other artists are also presenting their respective artforms. UNESCO former Ambassador Chiranjiv Singh to do the honours at the event. **Where: Alliance Francaise, Vasanth Nagar; When: June 30; 6 pm**

Namma Clinics may stay open till late evenings

Plans are underway to expand working hours of Namma Clinics; one or two clinics to be opened on pilot basis to assess potential footfall, say officials

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As the footfall at Namma Clinic tends to decrease during regular working hours, the Health Commissioner, D Ranadeep, said that plans are being evaluated to extend the timing.

"Extending the clinic timing until late evening, possibly until 8 or 9 pm, could encourage more people to seek medical assistance. This initiative aims to accommodate individuals who work elsewhere by allowing them to visit the clinic after their working hours. Currently, we are evaluating plans to extend the timing, and multiple meetings have been held to discuss this matter," he said.

A decision will be made soon. Additionally, there is no shortage of doctors in urban services at present. Nevertheless, a proposal for an additional shift is under consideration at a higher level, and a proposal will be submitted accordingly, he added.

A senior health official expressed that numerous requests have been received from the public regarding the extension of clinic hours. Currently, these requests are under review, and one or two clinics are being planned to open on a pilot basis to assess the potential footfall. Ultimately, the decision to extend the timing rests with the government.

These Namma Clinics were initially modelled after Delhi's successful Mohalla Clinics. However, the current fixed-timing model of these clinics offers limited usefulness to patients. Currently, 110 Namma Clinics are operational within the BBMP limits. Surprisingly, these clinics are only open from 9 am to 1:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm.

According to a senior health official, numerous requests have been received from the public to extend clinic hours

Ban on private practice?

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundurao said that there is a proposal to review the policy regarding doctors working in contractual services in government hospitals. He said, "We need to review the existing practice. In the past, due to a shortage of doctors, we allowed them to work for us while also engaging in private practice (only for those who were serving under contract service). However, this approach has led to certain issues, and it is necessary for us to reconsider it. I am currently discussing this matter with our officials to determine the appropriate course of action." The proposed restriction on private practice would specifically apply to doctors employed on a contractual basis. While currently permitted to engage in private practice, the minister believes that this practice should be discontinued, expressing his personal viewpoint on the matter.

The timing has left many people disappointed.

A resident expressed their dissatisfaction, stating, "What's the point of having clinics if they are only open for a limited time? Patients often require urgent medical attention, which should not be restricted to fixed times. When the government announced the opening of these clinics, we expected them to operate around the clock for the benefit of the public. However, the current timing renders them hardly useful.

"They added that the government had previously announced free diagnostic tests at these clinics. Typically, people need to undergo a blood sugar test early in the morning before consuming food and another test after breakfast. To our surprise, these clinics are only open after 9 am, which makes them impractical for us," they explained.

According to officials, each clinic offers 12 services, ranging from paediatrics to geriatrics. There are no user fees, and medicines are provided free of charge. Fourteen lab tests will be available free of charge, along with teleconsultation services.

"To address the shortage of doctors across the state, we are considering enlisting MBBS-qualified doctors who are part of the compulsory rural service," they said.

Bengaluru athletes ready for Children's Olympics

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The Bangalore Schools Sports Foundation (BSSF) proudly announced its participation in the 55th International Children's Games (ICG), held in Daegu, South Korea, between July 5 and 10. According to Elvis Joseph, founder director of the BSSF, the remarkable achievement marks the BSSF's 13th consecutive year representing Bengaluru and India at the ICG, also known as the Children's Olympics. "There were some issues last time, but there are no issues this time. With all documents and permissions in place, we are travelling on July 4," he said.

Nine athletes (track and field) and four basketball players participate in this year's Global Multi-Sport Competition, recognised, endorsed, and organised under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The ICG is a multisport competition exclusively for children aged 12 to 15, hosted annually in different countries by city mayors and governors, inviting children from all over the globe.

Joseph added that to keep the national flag high, the Bangalore Schools Sports Foundation has been working to develop sports at the grass-roots level and has been determined to create opportunities for children to compete at the world's most prestigious International Children's Games. "The dedication demonstrated by these young athletes reflect the values instilled by BSSF," he explained.

Participants and their coaches

"I am very happy for my daughter Vibha Rao getting selected to participate in the ICG. My daughter is studying 9th standard at Brigade School, JP Nagar," said Smitha Rao, a parent. Since the year 2009, the children athletes from the city have been participating in the games with the continued efforts of BSSF Track and Field Academy, which has chosen the best-talented athletes from across the city's schools and athletic clubs to participate at the International Children's Game.

There is poison in man's best friend's plate

Even as stray dog poisoning cases are on the rise in city, activists say police reluctant to file FIRs and hospitals refuse to conduct post mortems

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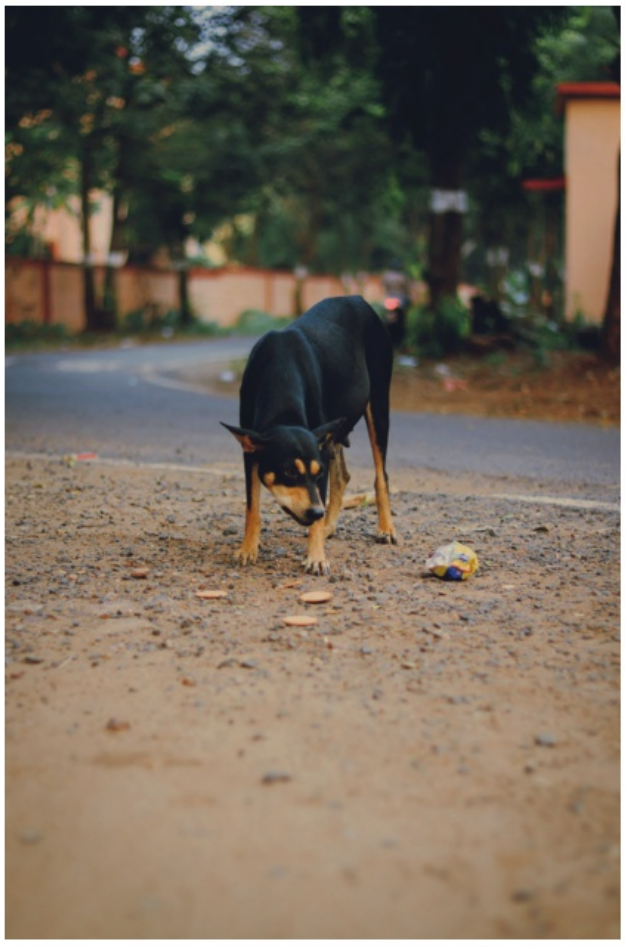

Animal activists in the city say that the number of stray dog poisoning cases are on a rise. They allege that despite the rising numbers, the route to redressal is tough – with the police reluctant to file FIRs and designated hospitals refusing to conduct post mortems.

Aniruddha Ravindra, Animal Welfare Warden at Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE) and a member of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), said that they would previously receive one case of poisoning per month. However, the number has now risen to 3-4.

"Due to the rise in dog population and the law forbidding them from being relocated, people resort to poisoning. In most cases, the dogs are infected from either parvovirus or canine distemper as they are very susceptible to these viruses at a young age," he said.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) must take measures to educate the public and create awareness regarding animal laws, he said, adding that the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 needs stringent reform.

He further said that cases of poisoning are hard to prove and the process of redressal is time consuming.

"Within BBMP limits, any case of unnatural death of an animal must be informed to the assistant director. An FIR must be filed under Section 428 and 429 of the IPC. If the police refuse to file an FIR, the government must intervene and ensure that it is done.

Then, the requisition of post mortem must go to the jurisdictional veterinary officer," explained Arun Prasad, an animal activist, adding that the assistant director is often unreachable and the cops are reluctant to attend to cases related to dogs.

Along with this, he said that the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB) and the Veterinary College in Hebbal designated to conduct post mortems refuse to deal with vetero-legal cases. "The government has installed specialised post mortem units in these places, yet they refuse to act on vetero-legal cases. It is very wrong on the part of the government," he said.

No storage units

Prasad further added that there is a lack of freezers and other alternative cold storage units to store carcasses. "There may be close to four freezer boxes at the Cantonment Hospital. Even there, they refuse to take the carcass until an FIR is shown. So if there is a delay in the FIR being filed, the body will begin to decompose and we will lose all the evidence," he said.

Nevina Kamath, activist and certified animal cruelty inspector, narrating the ordeal of a suspected poisoning case on BOSCH campus in Adugodi where five puppies went missing and three were found dead on Tuesday, said that the current redressal procedure only induces more trauma on the reporter of the crime and the caretakers. She said that the veterinary officer at the Adugodi clinic refused to conduct the post mortem claiming that they were not sufficiently equipped and told them to seek the procedure in the college at Hebbal.

"They must depute other officers or write to authorities concerned saying that they are ill-equipped and require assistance. The entire burden is on animal activists who are very few in number," she explained, adding that the entire procedure often takes more than 36-48 hours. She further said that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) remain only on paper and the various departments involved refuse to iron out the system.

A case of poisoning leading to the death of a stray dog was also reported within the campus of Centre for Human Genetics last week, a student from the institute told Bangalore Mirror.

> **"There may be close to four freezer boxes at the Cantonment Hospital. Even there, they refuse to take the carcass until an FIR is shown**

Bitcoin scam: Probe likely to be handed over to CID

CRIME FILES

The Congress government in Karnataka on Tuesday said it will get the Bitcoin scam taken place during the previous BJP government thoroughly investigated.

The case is likely to be handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Home Minister Dr Parameshwara has hinted.

Speaking to reporters in Hassan today, CM Siddaramaiah said all irregularities and scams of the BJP government including the Bitcoin scam will be probed.

Parameshwara charged that the BJP tried to close the matter but the Congress government will get it investigated. "Regarding Bitcoin, I have said that whatever incident has happened will be thoroughly investigated. For whatever reason, the previous government had closed it. When we were in the opposition, we had said that we will get it investigated if we come to power. We will take all steps to reinvestigate it," Parameshwara told reporters. **PTI**

Serial security guard killer caught

A person, accused of targeting and killing security guards, was arrested by the RT Nagar police on Tuesday. The accused has been identified as Tauseep.

According to the sources, the accused used to find and kill security guards in the middle of the night.

He has allegedly murdered security guards in RT Nagar, Sanjaya Nagar, JC Nagar and KG Halli. Earlier, he is said to have stabbed a security guard near the former chief minister's house as well. **BMB**

2 killed as lorry rams into scooter

Two 19-year-olds lost their lives in a road accident in Pulakeshi Nagar Traffic police station limits, on Tuesday. The two teens were on a scooter when a tipper lorry collided with it. The driver of the tipper lorry was allegedly coming from the opposite direction on a one-way when he collided with the scooter. In the collision, both the occupants of the scooter fell and they are said to have died on the spot.

The lorry driver was also speeding and driving recklessly. The victims have been identified as Yusuf Khan and Paresh. The driver of the lorry, Sunil Babu Rathod, 23, has been booked for culpable homicide and is currently under judicial custody.

"The accused was found to have been driving on the wrong side. The driver has been arrested," said the police. **BMB**

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Belathur road's muddy future/gloomy present

Residents want muddy road to be asphalted; motorists often slip while riding in the area

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This is the condition of the road in Belathur; Nearly 300 residents have been affected by the apathy of the authorities concerned; the area roads becomes slippery with even a bit of rain, causing accidents

Residents of Belathur complain that despite paying property taxes, there are no asphalted roads in the cards for them. The existing muddy roads become slippery with even a bit of rain, leading to accidents in the area.

For the past few months, stormwater drain work taking place on the road has not shown signs of moving fast. Now, with the rains here, the stormwater drains fill up with water, making the roads even more slippery and prone to mishaps.

"Work on the stormwater drain has not been progressing since January. The drain is not being constructed, and the road is in a pathetic condition. We just have a muddy road, and it has not been asphalted. Even public transport refuses to come to the area due to the state of the roads. We have been trying to coordinate with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, but there has been no response from their side, said Navneeth Pai, a resident of the area. He said the residents were under the impression that the drainage work would enhance their lives, even though private properties were being included. They also thought flooding would be arrested by the construction of the drain. However, only 300 metres of the drain has been built, and the project has stopped there, reported Pai. "We don't have a secondary road or the old road. Earlier, at least, we had muddy roads, which could have been used to some extent. With all the drain work going on, the stretch has become dangerous for motorists," he added.

Nearly 300 residents have been affected by the apathy of the authorities concerned.

Residents said that motorbike users who use the stretch keep falling.

Another resident said that the mess from the project had left them without an approach road. "Auto-rickshaw drivers and cab drivers refuse to come here and refer to it as a 'slum area'. We are paying property tax for the area.

We have been asking officials to convert the muddy road into an asphalted road. Officials have started building the drain on the road itself now. Due to the incomplete work, we are forced to commute using private land to get out of our apartment. Just a few weeks back, the corner of the drain was open and was half-filled with sewage, and now some stones have been placed to prevent the entry of water," he added.

> **"Work on the stormwater drain has not been progressing since January. Public transport refuses to come to the area**
>
> – Navneeth Pai, resident

BBMP bans public slaughter of animals

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In lieu of Eid-al-Adha or Bakrid tomorrow, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has banned animal slaughter at roads and footpaths, inside hospitals, schools, and other public places. Any person violating the same will be punished.

Many traders from various parts of Karnataka come to the city to sell reared goats. One of the goat keepers near Fun World on Jayamahal Road, Madhu, said, "These sheep come from Sira and sell between Rs 15,000 and 21,000.

We bring them on trucks and tractors. People usually carry the goats back to their homes or shops and cut them there. Compared to previous years, the sale is low."

Another goat keeper, Ramakrishna, said, "For 30 years, I have travelled from Tumakuru to sell goats, but I have never seen people cutting them on the streets. Many times, the sheep we bring are worth almost Rs 20 lakh.

When a sale does not happen, we suffer huge losses. Coming from rural areas, when we do not make profits, there are cases of suicide. For the goat that is not sold, we clean it and then vaccinate it before selling it to other shops."

Mohammad Ilyaz said that they discard the remaining waste in BBMP vehicles. "Usually, each family carries two goats back home. Bakrid is spread over a period of three days, and we distribute it into three parts—for family or friends, for needy people, and for people at home."

Yusuf, an auto driver from RT Nagar, said, "We carry the goats home not for our happiness but for the children at home. The goats are cut for the elderly or for the better health of a person in the family. We ensure not to throw them on the streets.

Goats photographed along a city road; Public slaughtering of animals is not a common sight

In slum areas, the scenario might be different as the animal waste is thrown in the drain sometimes, dirtying the streets. However, people living in bigger houses usually throw the waste in garbage bins provided by the BBMP."

Dr Tabatak Hussein, a general practioner, told Bangalore Mirror that the rule has been implemented by the BBMP for the past few years and is a good initiative as it keeps public places clean.

There are designated spots where people can throw the waste, like outside mosques.

He reiterated that the goats are usually cut inside people's homes and not in public places.

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Clean it up

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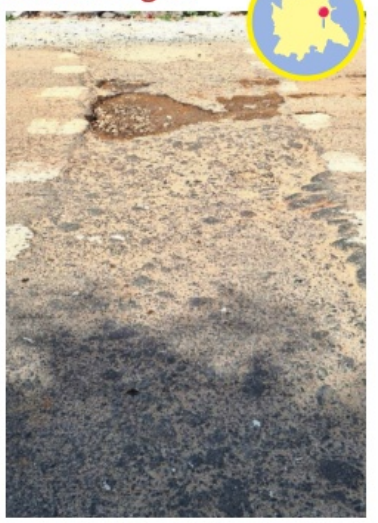
Garbage can be found everywhere in 9th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar.

Pothole problem

Kannamangala



A new pothole has emerged on Kannamangala Main Road and needs to be fixed.

Move the car

Rajajinagar

This car has been parked on 4th Main, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar for several years now.

Soon, all wide roads lead to Mahadevapura

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In a bid to enhance connectivity and alleviate traffic congestion in the Mahadevapura area, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has embarked on an ambitious road development initiative.

The project entails the widening of 16 existing roads and formation of 13 new roads, with a total estimated cost of Rs 224.8 crores. Out of which eight projects have already been completed, marking significant progress in improving the local infrastructure.

The Mahadevapura zone, known for its bustling IT belt, currently encompasses a network of 166 kilometres of roads. Of these, 94.05 kilometres are arterial roads, 41.45 kilometres are sub-arterial roads, and 30.50 kilometres are RMP roads.

Recognising the need to ease commuting for motorists in this region, BBMP has prioritised road widening and the creation of new roadways. The road widening efforts cover a span of 43.65 kilometres, while the construction of new roads encompasses 32.4 kilometres within Mahadevapura.

The newly formed roads will range in width between 12 and 45 meters while existing roads will be widened to varying widths of 15 to 24 meters. Out of the total 29 road projects, seven are yet to commence, indicating the proactive approach of BBMP in executing these developments.

The new road formations are set to transform connectivity in Mahadevapura. Some notable projects include improvements to the road from Kadubisanahalli ORR to PRR via Panathur Gunjur Palya Varthur Main Road RMP Road, the construction of a road from Vydehi Hospital Road to Old Airport Road via Tubarahalli Tank and Siddapura Nallurahalli Road to Kundanahalli Main Road via BEML Layout in RI Mahadevapura, and the comprehensive development of Hoodi Main Road from Ayyappanagara Arch to Hoodi Junction and Hoodi Railway Station to Medahalli Road.

Newly formed roads range in width between 12 and 45 metre while existing roads widened widths of 15 to 24 metre

Crater sized potholes at Bellandur ward at Mahadevapura

With these extensive road development projects, BBMP aims to alleviate traffic congestion and improve the overall commuting experience for residents and commuters in the Mahadevapura zone. The concerted efforts to widen existing roads and construct new ones demonstrate a proactive approach by the civic authorities in addressing the infrastructure needs of the rapidly growing IT belt.

As the remaining projects get underway, the future looks promising for enhanced connectivity and smoother travel in Mahadevapura.

Fish kill incidents call for coordinated action

Non-profit organisation urges KSPCB to issue notices to BBMP's Lake Department based on water quality reports

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Over the past six years, Bengaluru has witnessed a concerning increase in fish kill incidents in its lakes, with at least 52 cases reported during this period. According to a city-based non-profit organisation, these incidents have been compiled based on media reports. The frequency of fish kill incidents has shown a gradual rise, with six cases reported in 2017 and 2018 each, four cases in 2019, 2020, and 2021, and a significant spike to 17 cases in 2022. Already,11 incidents have been logged in the current year.

Officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) acknowledge the occurrence of fish kill incidents but state that no official record is maintained. They explain that these incidents are commonly observed before the monsoon season, when rainwater carrying sewage enters the lakes, deteriorating water quality.

"Fish kill happens every year at the beginning of the monsoon season due to changes in water quality as sewage mixes with rainwater and enters lakes. The water quality analysis is conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). However, BBMP does not maintain any record of fish kill incidents. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB) has taken up a long-term plan to establish STPs at all the major city lakes to treat sewage coming in through the stormwater drains. Meanwhile, we are managing through the diversion channels," said a BBMP's Lake Department senior official.

Fish kill happens every year at the beginning of the monsoon season due to changes in water quality

In the period between June 2022 and May 2023, Kothanur Lake reported three fish kill incidents, followed by two incidents each in Bhatrahalli, Iblur, and Harlur Lakes. Water quality data from KSPCB for the given period categories of these water bodies under Class D and E on multiple occasions, indicating poor water quality.

Experts emphasise the need for KSPCB to issue notices to BBMP's Lake Department, which is responsible for lake management, based on the water quality reports.

"All the lakes that have reported fish kill incidents in the past have had their water quality report under Class-E on at least one occasion. While Kothnur, Seetaram Palya, Chelekere, Madiwala, and Somasundrapalya lakes have been classified under Class-E more than 3 times in the last 12 months. Chelekere and Seetharampalya have recorded bad water quality on more than three occasions. KSPCB is already monitoring organic matter and chemicals in the lakes through its monthly water quality analysis. Notices should be issued to BBMP based on these reports," said Raghavendra B Pacchhapur of the ActionAid association.

"BBMP should strengthen monitoring and maintenance of the lakes including upkeep of inlets and diversion channels before, during and post-monsoon –Lake activist

Lake activists and experts assert that fish kill incidents can be prevented through coordinated efforts among government agencies.

A city-based lake activist stated, "BBMP needs to coordinate with other agencies such as KSPCB and BWSSB. Moreover, BBMP should strengthen monitoring and maintenance of the lakes that should include upkeep of inlets and diversion channels before, during and post monsoon. Agencies should also respond quicker to sewage entry into the lake."

IN BRIEF

Dream to reality-Learn to fly

Bangalore North Round Table 25 and Bangalore North Ladies Circle 14 joined hands to create an unforgettable experience for 23 underprivileged children by turning their dreams of flying into a reality. As part of the "Flight of Fantasy" initiative, these children, accompanied by four teachers, were taken on a round-trip educational tour to Mumbai, providing them with an opportunity to explore beyond the boundaries of their daily lives. The selected children, hailing from Round Table School in Bommanahalli and Panchayat Union Primary School in Hosur, were chosen based on their academic performance, 100 per cent attendance, participation in sports, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

The children, ranging from the 8th to 10th standard, were taken on their maiden flight trip to Mumbai, free of cost, courtesy of Round Table India and Ladies Circle India.

Arshiya Banu S, on the tour, described her feelings, "I felt like I was dreaming while travelling in the aeroplane. I was up in the air, and the world was below me. Seeing the clouds from the window was so amazing."

Amit Jain, chairman of Bangalore North Round Table 25, emphasised stated, "Education, when used effectively along with intelligence, has the power to ignite the world and certainly make it a better place to live.

B Anand Kumar, Headmaster of Round Table School Bommanahalli, said, "Most of the students or their parents cannot afford to visit Mumbai. The tour was a great opportunity for them to visit Mumbai by flight."

Bangalore North Ladies Circle 14 chairperson Pooja Poddar Jain said, "Children are our future and we at Round Table India and Ladies Circle India take immense pride in being able to contribute and shape their dreams of flying via this unique initiative for the very first time," said Pooja Poddar.

The initiative aimed to offer these young individuals an extraordinary experience that would leave a lasting impact on their lives.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Tunnel plans pan out amid criticism

Jarkiholi said that a 40-km tunnel project from Peenya to Hosur Road and a 25-km tunnel project from Hebbal to KR Pura have been proposed

PWD Minister Satish Jarikiholi announces interest to construct 65 km of tunnel road in city

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The proposal for tunnel projects in Bengaluru has resurfaced. PWD Minister Satish Jarikiholi announced on Tuesday that a plan to construct 65 kilometres of tunnel roads in the city has been put forward, and further discussions regarding the same will be held in the near future.

Following his meeting with Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday, Jarkiholi said that a 40-km tunnel project from Peenya to Hosur Road and a 25-km tunnel project from Hebbal to KR Pura have been proposed. However, the project is still in its preliminary stages and requires further evaluation. Additionally, there is a proposal to build another road parallel to Hebbal Lake near the junction to alleviate traffic congestion. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has also expressed interest in tunnel projects across the city during his Brand Bengaluru meetings. However, experts suggest that tunnels may not be a feasible solution for the city due to the high costs involved.

Meanwhile, the tunnel project at Shiradi Ghat, which was previously discarded, has regained momentum with Jarkiholi requesting the Centre to reconsider it. According to the initial proposal, the entire Shiradi Ghat tunnel project was planned to span 23.60 km at an estimated cost of Rs 10,000 crore. It would consist of a series of six tunnels, totalling 12.60 km in length, interconnected by bridges.

The longest bridge along the Shiradi Ghat stretch would be 1.50 km, and the tallest pier supporting one of the bridges would stand at a height of 100 metres. The tunnel would be a two-lane road with a carriage way of 10.50 m and an emergency lane.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has also expressed interest in tunnel projects across the city during his Brand Bengaluru meetings

Shiradi Ghat serves as a crucial link connecting Bengaluru to coastal cities such as Mangaluru and Udupi. Every year, the condition of the road deteriorates, causing significant difficulties for vehicles traversing this treacherous stretch. The state and central governments have proposed a multi-tunnel project at Shiradi Ghat as a permanent solution.

However, the latest update suggests that the tunnel project may not materialise in the near future. The central government previously stated that constructing tunnels in the Shiradi Ghat section entails substantial investments and logistical challenges, making it unviable. Instead, the decision was made to upgrade the existing two-lane road to a four-lane configuration, enhancing its geometrics by implementing suitable retaining structures.

During the rainy season, Shiradi Ghat frequently experiences closures, disrupting traffic between Bengaluru and the coastal cities. Consequently, there has long been a demand for improved road connectivity. The Bengaluru-Mangaluru route is particularly sought-after due to frequent landslides during heavy rainfall.

The travel distance between Mangaluru and Bengaluru via Shiradi is approximately 361 km, while Charmadi spans 380 km and Sampaje covers 400 km. The four-lane project at Shiradi Ghat is estimated to cost Rs 14,000 crore.

AI enters battle against fake news

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Tuesday said the state government is ready to take all measures required to curb 'fake news', including use of technology like 'Artificial Intelligence' (AI), aimed at taking such cases to a "logical end". He said, the government is ready to bring in necessary laws, in case there is no provision to punish those involved in such cases, under the existing legislations.

"Some people are involved in spreading fake news, whether it is on political issues or on those aimed at disturbing peace in the society. We have observed that fake news is posted on various platforms and social media. Photographs are morphed aimed at projecting it to be linked to some sensitive issue, to which the photo is actually unrelated," Parameshwara said. He told reporters, "We have observed this during the elections and even now after the formation of the government. If we don't stop it, it may lead to several kinds of wrong notions whether at personal level or social or government level, and its impact may be huge."

Following this, Parameshwara said last week the government would soon hold discussions with social media sites and platforms such asFacebook, and Instagram among others, aimed at controlling sensitive and inciting posts that may lead to communal flare-ups. He had also said that discussions are underway regarding setting up of a cyber security wing at every police station. – PTI

Top government-run facility treats 65k patients

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Contrary to popular belief that government-run hospitals lack advanced facilities for patient treatment, the Institute of Gastroenterology and Organ Transplant (IGOT), a state-run facility, has proven otherwise. In just a year-and-a-half, the hospital has successfully treated 65,000 patients using state-of-the-art technology.

The first standalone gastroenterology institute in the country, it is located at the Victoria Hospital campus. The facility offers medical care for patients suffering from gastroenterology and liver diseases. Hundreds of economically weaker patients make a beeline to procure the required treatment and medical care each day.

Since it started operations in October 2021, the facility has performed 13,477 surgeries and seven successful liver transplants. When Bangalore Mirror visited the hospital, it was found to be very well maintained. Many SC, ST, and BPL patients who had come to the hospital for treatment said they benefited greatly.

IGOT performs liver transplants at a cost of Rs 4-11 lakh, while many private hospitals in the city charge around Rs 40 lakh. "Our expertise and technology are better than the best and we are still very affordable," said Dr NS Nagesh, director, IGOT. The director who has played a stellar role in mobilising more than Rs 25 crore under CSR funds of the donors and organisations to create the state-of-the-art unit with ultra-modern operation theatres and quality ICU and Endoscopy suits revealed that the institute is the only centre performing Laparoscopic Liver Cancer operations in (Karnataka) government hospitals. It is also the only centre in the state (government sector) that performs advanced therapeutic endoscopic procedures including manometry.

A patient being treated at the Institute of Gastroenterology and Organ Transplant; The facility has performed 13,477 surgeries since Oct 2021

"The idea is to put a smile back on the face of all patients at almost no cost. We charge only Rs 300 for a top-of-the-line endoscopy procedure which costs more than Rs 5,000 at any private centre. That's how affordable we are and people adore the facility," said Dr Nagesh.

The institute, with a modern 120-bed facility, scaled a new height, performing the most advanced endoscopic surgery (POEM) for esophageal ailments, which puts the hospital high on the list of medical services in the country. In addition, the institute boasts of a standalone chemotherapy unit for gastroenterology-related cancers. "Treating BPL patients each day is a big challenge. Apart from diseases, they suffer from major mental health issues. Many give up hope and want to end their life and are often rushed to the hospital," added Dr Nagesh,

> **"We charge only Rs. 300 for a top-of-the-line endoscopy procedure**
> – Dr NS Nagesh, director, IGOT

pointing out that the institute is recognised by SCP-TSP, physically challenged and ex-defense persons, Ayushman Bharat, and the many CGHS schemes implemented for economically weak patients.

The director disclosed that the state government has been very supportive in understanding the progress the institute has made and Medical Education minister, Sharan Prakash Patil, is playing a hands-on role.

HEALTH TIP: During the rainy season, opt for warm beverages like herbal teas, soups, and ginger-infused drinks

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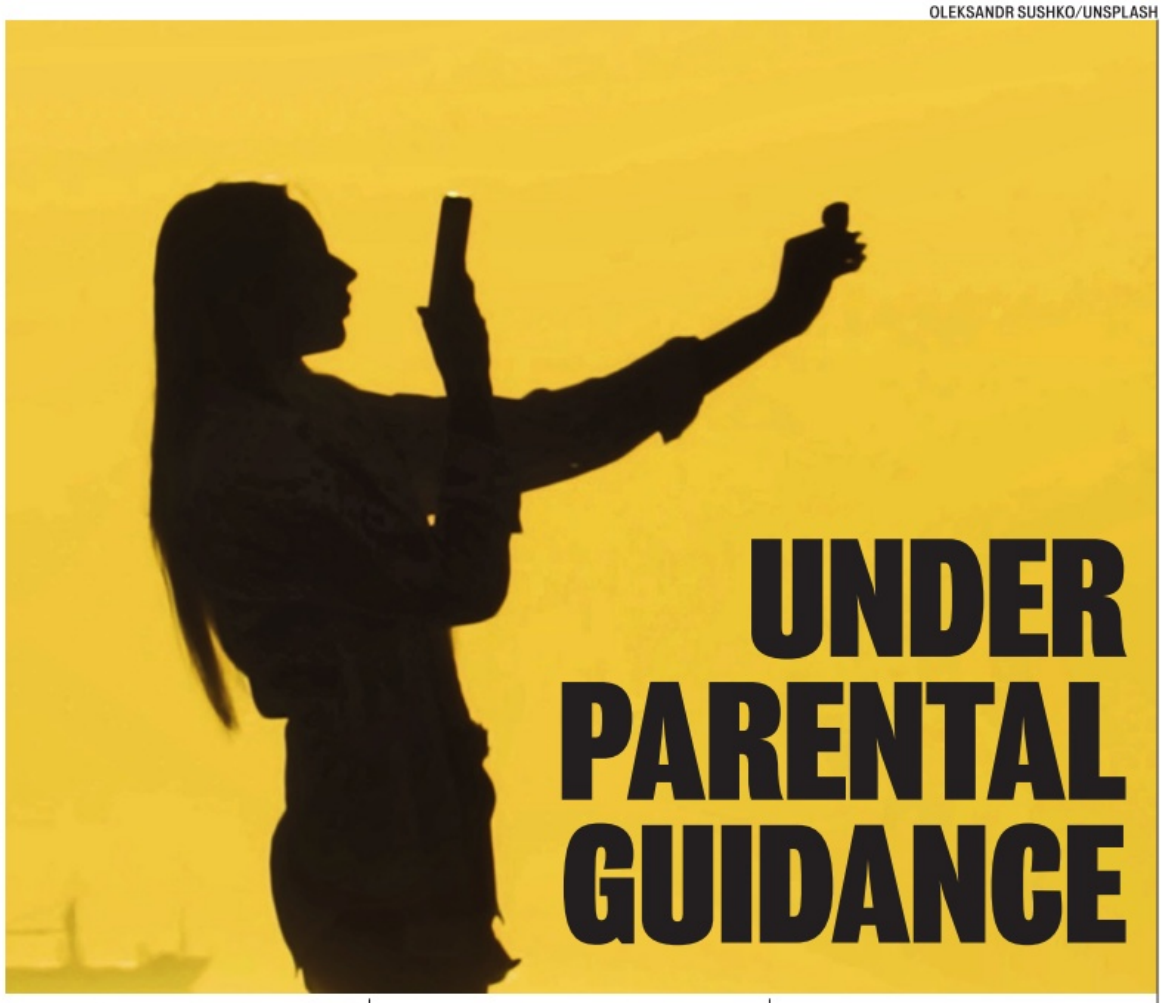

UNDER PARENTAL GUIDANCE

Meta launches more parental supervision tools for Instagram. Is it enough?

Instagram and Facebook's parent company Meta is adding some new parental supervision tools and privacy features to its platforms as social media companies face increasing scrutiny over their effects on teen mental health.

But many of the features require minors — and their parents — to opt in, raising questions about how effective the measures are.

Instagram, for instance, will now send a notice to teens after they have blocked someone, encouraging them to let their parents "supervise" their account. The idea is to grab kids' attention when they might be more open to parental guidance.

If a teen opts in, the system will let parents set time limits, see who their kid follows or is followed by, and allows them to track how much time the minor spends on Instagram. It does not let parents see message content.

Instagram launched parental supervision tools last year to help families navigate the platform and find resources and guidance. A sticking point in the process is that kids need to sign up if they want parents to supervise their accounts. It's not clear how many teen users have opted in and Meta has not disclosed any numbers.

Such supervision allows parents to see how many friends their child has in common with accounts the child follows or is followed by. So if the child is followed by someone none of their friends follow, it could raise a red flag that the teen does not know the person in real life.

This, Meta says, "will help parents understand how well their teen knows these accounts, and help prompt offline conversations about those connections."

Meta is also adding parental supervision tools already available on Instagram and on virtual reality product to Messenger.

The opt-in feature lets parents see how much time their child spends on the messaging service and information such as their contact lists and privacy settings — but not who they are chatting with, for instance.

Such features can be useful for families in which parents are already involved in their child's online life and activities. Experts say that's not the reality for many people.

Last month, US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy warned that there is not enough evidence to show that social media is safe for children and teens and called on tech companies to take "immediate action to protect kids now."

Murthy told The Associated Press that while he recognises social media companies have taken some steps to make their platforms safer, those actions are not enough.

For instance, while kids under 13 are technically banned from social media, many younger children access Instagram, TikTok and other apps by lying about their age, either with or without their parents' permission.

Murthy also said it's unfair to expect parents to manage what their children do with rapidly evolving technology that "fundamentally changes how their kids think about themselves, how they build friendships, how they experience the world — and technology, by the way, that prior generations never had to manage,"

"We're putting all of that on the shoulders of parents, which is just simply not fair," Murthy said.

Also beginning Tuesday, Meta will encourage — but not force — children to take a break from Facebook, just as it already does on Instagram.

After 20 minutes, teenage users will get a notice to take time away from the app. If they want to keep scrolling, they can just close the notification. TikTok also recently introduced a 60-minute time limit for users under 18, but they can bypass it by entering a passcode, set either by the teens themselves, or if the child is under 13, by their parents.

"What we are focused on is kind of a suite of tools to support parents and teens on how they can best engage in safe and appropriate experiences online," said Diana Williams, who oversees product changes for youth and families at Meta.

"We're also trying to build tools that teens can use themselves to learn how to manage and recognise how they're spending their time. So things like 'take a break' and 'quiet mode' in the evenings." **AP**

MIRRORLIGHTS

Insomnia may raise risk of stroke by 51%: Study

People who have insomnia symptoms such as trouble falling asleep, staying asleep and waking up too early, may be more likely to have a stroke, according to a study. The study, published in the journal Neurology, showed that the link between insomnia symptoms and stroke was stronger in people under age 50 with those who experienced five to eight symptoms having nearly four times the risk of stroke compared to people with no symptoms.

People with more than five symptoms of insomnia had a 51 per cent increased risk, while those with one had 16 per cent. However, the researchers said that the study does not prove that insomnia symptoms cause stroke; it only shows an association."There are many therapies that can help people improve the quality of their sleep, so determining which sleep problems lead to an increased risk of stroke may allow for earlier treatments or behavioural therapies for people who are having trouble sleeping and possibly reducing their risk of stroke later in life," said Wendemi Sawadogo, of Virginia Commonwealth University in the US. The study involved 31,126 people with an average age of 61, who were followed for an average of nine years. Participants had no history of stroke at the beginning of the study. In the nine years of follow-up there were 2,101 cases of stroke. Of the 458 people under age 50 with five to eight symptoms, 27 had a stroke.

"The list of stroke risk factors such as high blood pressure and diabetes can grow as people age, making insomnia symptoms one of many possible factors. This striking difference suggests that managing insomnia symptoms at a younger age may be an effective strategy for stroke prevention. Future research should explore the reduction of stroke risk through management of sleeping problems," Sawadogo said.

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We've been married for nearly 10 years and have two sons aged seven and five.
I've been going out a lot more with my friends and on one of these nights out I bumped into a neighbour, who's a few years younger and single.
We got chatting and he and his friends spent the evening with us, and it was fun.
He walked me home and we had this amazing kiss on the way back, which has since led to other things.
We've been meeting quite regularly over at his during the day, as he works from home. We're having fantastic sex and I don't want it to stop.
But, something stops me pulling the plug on my marriage. What do you think?

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I was in a similar situation many years ago.
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Talk to your husband, let him know how serious the problem is and that you can't keep the marriage alive on your own.
We all evolve differently in a relationship, but it's important to keep talking about what you need.
As for your neighbour -- your marriage is not his concern.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

‘Spike in tomato prices temporary; rates will cool down’

The spurt in prices of tomato is a temporary seasonal phenomenon, and rates will cool down soon, a top government official said, as retail prices of the kitchen staple shot up to Rs 100 per kg in major cities.

“It is a highly perishable commodity. Transportation gets affected in areas that received sudden rains. It is a temporary issue. Prices will cool down soon. It happens every year during this time,” Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh told PTI.

Stating that there is a seasonality in tomatoes, he said the data on tomato prices of the last five years shows that the rates have risen every year at this time. According to the data maintained by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the average price of tomato on an all-India basis is Rs 46 per kg on June 27. The modal price is Rs 50 per kg while the maximum price is Rs 122 per kg.

Across four metros, the retail price of tomato in Delhi is Rs 60 per kg, Mumbai is Rs 42 per kg, Kolkata is Rs 75 per kg and Chennai is Rs 67 per kg. In Bengaluru, the price stood at Rs 52 per kg in Bengaluru.

The maximum price of Rs 122 per kg has been reported from Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Ballary (Karnataka), as per the department data. **PTI**

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NIAS, EMPRI to launch project that will use drones to analyse emission hotspots in city

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The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and the Environment Management Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) together are launching a project for a comprehensive analysis of air pollution in Bengaluru Urban district.

The project will use cutting-edge drone-based technology to analyse emission hotspots in the city and identify the relative share of different sources of pollution with a focus on particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5).

It has been conceived as part of a series of studies with the first step being the identification of emission hotspots and a gridded emission map of fine resolution (200m*200m). The second part of the project will include the formulation of a Graded Response Air Plan (GRAP) and bring AQI concept for Bengaluru to realise health markers. In its third stage, the project will assess the toxicity of particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) and analyse health risks. The fourth stage will include development of air-shed maps of the city to understand the impact of nature-climatology and geography. Finally, it will develop Bengaluru specific air quality forecasting framework with health advisories.

> **“We are relying on gross estimates of pollution sources such as industries, slum areas, construction sites, waste dump yards, etc.**

“We are relying on gross estimates of pollution sources such as industries, slum areas, construction sites, waste dump yards, etc. These places have been ignored and we only look at vehicular emission in the context of air pollution. We are in the dark regarding emission levels from other potential sources. This study will also look at other sources of air pollution,” said Prof. Gufran Beig, chair professor at NIAS.

With the help of 50 volunteers, the researchers have identified more than 100 tentative hotspots in the city and drone technology will be deployed to study these hotspots in detail.

These hotspots have been identified through a practical survey of every major street of Bengaluru based on factors such as the presence of traffic lights, high density of vehicles leading to traffic congestion, presence of big clusters of slums that use traditional cooking fuels, dense construction sites that are flouting the norms and waste dump yards, to mention a few.

“While we have identified the spots and all the hotspots will now be analyzed and the sources will be quantified to understand their relative share in Bengaluru air pollution,” said prof Beig.

Researchers will take into account pollutants such as particulate matter (PM), NOx, CO, SO2, BC, and OC. However, the focus would be on PM2.5 and PM10 as they are the dominant pollutants in a city setup.

“Two to three drones will be deployed in all the tentative hotspots identified and high-resolution video footage will be captured to study finer details. For instance, drones will be used to identify the nature of vehicles, the age of the vehicle, the technology being used and the distance traveled so far.

Drones will also look at visible tailpipe emission density and measure the thickness of the emissions to understand the condition of the vehicles,” informed Prof. Beig.

The study will outline recommendations to devise mitigation techniques in and around the hotspots to improve Bengaluru’s air quality.

“The outcome of the project would benefit Bengaluru in two ways. Firstly, it will be a step forward towards developing the first air quality early warning system for the city which Bengaluru citizens desperately need in this era of climate change. Secondly, it will provide a much-needed recommendation to authorities like BBMP and KSPCB to prioritise the mitigation planning to eradicate the menace of air pollution,” added prof Beig.

How to fix the bad air days of Bengaluru

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hot-spots in the city over the last four years. We have also deduced that rapid urbanisation in Bengaluru is causing increased air pollution and land surface temperature,” said Dr Nivedita Kaul, associate professor, Malaviya National Institute of Technology and co-author of the study.

Researchers say all air pollutants trap and absorb solar radiation and do not allow heat to dissipate. This leads to higher land surface temperature also called the urban heat island effect.

“Areas with higher levels of air pollution concentration have higher LST due to high absorption of solar radiation. However, a higher built-up area also leads to a high UHI effect as it absorbs solar radiation during the day and releases it during the night hours. Every 1-degree increase leads to an increase in energy consumption by 2%.

This is a vicious circle that needs to be broken,” said Dr Sumit Khandelwal, associate professor, Malaviya National Institute of Technology and co-author of the study.

According to the experts, apart from improving the land use pattern of the city by increasing the green cover and water bodies, Bengaluru must also focus on better waste management and strengthening public transport to reduce pollution levels and thus bring down land surface temperature.

Waste should be segregated, open dumping and burning of waste should be stopped and measures should be taken to improve traffic situations, say the researchers.

“Decision makers must look at strengthening the public transport system, apart from bringing in other measures such as staggering office timings to reduce vehicular congestion during peak traffic hours.

A lot of vehicular emission takes place when vehicles are moving slowly. Traffic jams lead to high PM2.5 emission,” added Dr Kaul.

Rs 8.5 crore sanctioned for museum upgrade

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part of the ceiling too was chipping off. Even the interiors of the building require some restoration work.

Currently, the Government Museum Bangalore is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Government of Karnataka. At present, due to the appalling status of the built heritage and poor display of objects within the museum, the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, has mandated Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL) to undertake the upgradation, conservation and curation of the museum.

A budget of Rs 8.5 crore has been allocated for the restoration works. The project is undertaken by KTIL and is planned by the architectural conservation consultants Heritage Matters led by Sarath Chandra Boyapati. The project will be executed by Savani Heritage Conservation Pvt. Ltd.

Saikamala, Conservation Architecture, Heritage Matters, said, “It was identified that of the 22 categories of objects present in the museum, only eight have been displayed in the gallery spaces available. After assessing the current condition of the storage area within the museum, the urgent need for conservation, its upgradation with state-of-the art storage solutions and better equipped amenities is strongly put forward. The tourism department at present has allocated a budget of Rs.8.5 crore for the restoration. It has further made a provision of additional funds to be raised for the infrastructural and the curation works, site development and landscape, digital interpretation, outreach and marketing.”

The museum is said to have a collection of 1,834 coins dating back to the 19-20 centuries. A number of paintings, sculptures, bronze, sandalwood, ivory inlay, ivory articles, copper plates, musical instruments, arms and armoury, wood carvings and Chinese objects are also in its collection.

Saikamala said, “There hasn’t been proper cataloguing of the collections and efforts haven’t been put into displaying all the collections the museum has. This apart, detailed description of each particular object will be displayed to help the visitors understand and to garner their attention. We have over 8,000 objects so far that could be displayed. We also plan to create open spaces and bring in subject experts to talk about the history and importance of some of the objects that could be an interactive session between the experts and the public.”

An official from the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, said, “We were lacking funds to get the work started for the restoration of the museum. Finally after the funds were sanctioned and tenders were approved and after bringing in experts to work on this project, the work has now begun. The tender is a one-year contract. However, it is said to take more time and a lot of restoration work needs to be done. As the building is a heritage site and is very sensitive, we are making sure that no major changes will be made to the building. It is just being restored and upgraded.”

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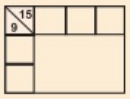
FARNAZ

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

A man can row three-quarters of a km against the stream in 45/4 minutes and return 15/2 minutes. The speed of the man in still water is

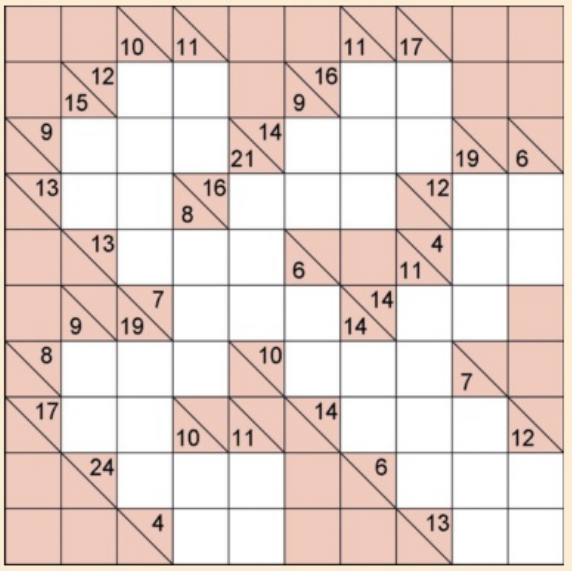
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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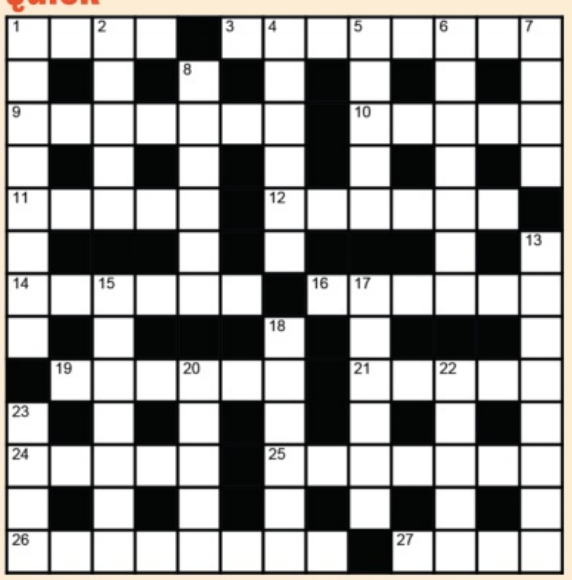


ACROSS

1 Price (4)
3 Eliminate (5,3)
9 Ideas (7)
10 Bhubaneshwar lingo (5)
11 Spot on (5)
12 Cramped or constricted (6)
14 Shoves or thrusts (6)
16 Endeavoured (6)
19 Number of districts in our state (6)
21 Reddish dye (5)
24 New Zealand native (5)
25 Come ____ : intervene or step in? (7)
26 From or toward the orient? (8)
27 Exploited or availed of (4)

DOWN

1 Scorn (8)
2 A discourse of the Buddha (5)
4 Picking up a scent (6)
5 Church singers (5)
6 Venezuelan river (7)
7 Serving plate (4)
8 Dislike intensely (6)
13 Stayed back, stuck with or survived (8)
15 Educates (7)
17 Pacific island (6)
18 Fe for iron or "Sn" for tin? (6)
20 Worker's reward (5)
22 ___ must when the devil drives? (5)
23 One of Captain Hook's men (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS C

EDC GRW'B GYDNN BMQ NQR FQYQAE UE NBRWJOWX RWJ NBRYOWX RB BMQ TRBQY.

Linemaro

Love is my religion and like people die for religion, I would die for you

Mindchow

It isn't what happens to us that causes us to suffer; it's what we say to ourselves about what happens

Joke of the day

Guess where love came from? China. Because only something made in China has no warranty and no guarantee

Loop

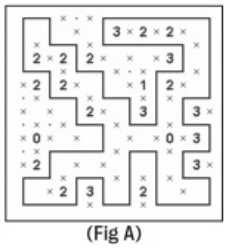
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

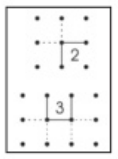
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

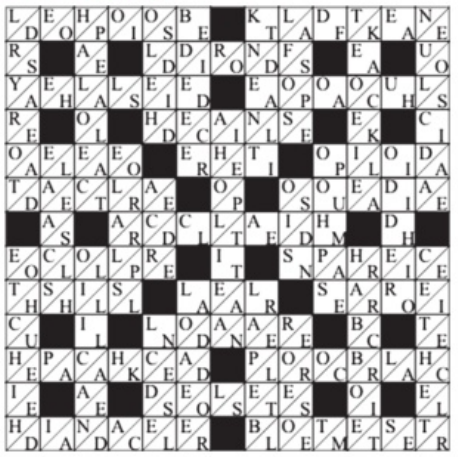


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

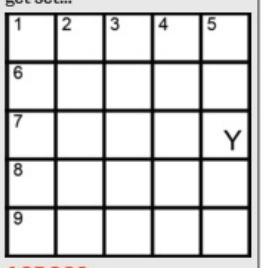
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 As cub; 6 Lunar; 7 Say Ms; 8 A rale; 9 Scowl

DOWN

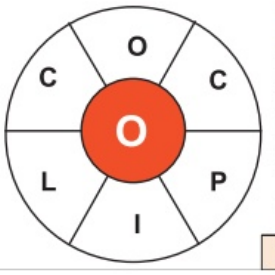
1 Camus; 2 Carol; 3 Us wen; 4 Baals; 5 Lyra's

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

71	63	4	2	19
32	8	16	25	34
9	12	43	61	7
4	35	26	18	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

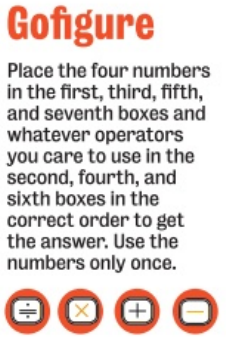
SudokuChallenge

		4		8		3		
1				2				8
8		3	7		1	9		2
	4		6		3		1	
	8		5		2		3	
4		8	1		7	2		5
2				9				7
		6		5		4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 4
3 6 7 7

Medium = 9
3 5 7 7

Hard = 3
3 3 5 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Carrot nose is longer. 2. Snowman's hat is larger. 3. Tree limb is missing. 4. Mitten is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Button is added to snowman.

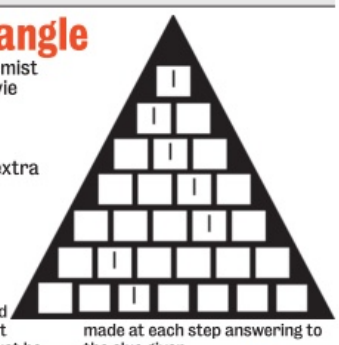
Riddler

Rearrange the letters of each word in the phrase below to form a well-known saying.

BERETT ELTA NATH RENEV

Alpha triangle

1 Iodine for the chemist
2 Stephen King movie
3 Bind
4 Correct copy
5 Lukewarm
6 Gave something extra
7 Stumbled



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

MIND YOUR OWN BIGNESS
A LEADER'S SAGA
If my book helps just one tech bro exploit one tax loophole, then I've done my bit for society.
BIZARRO.COM

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GETTING READY TO HEAD OFF TO THE OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL, LILLIAN.
YES... IT'LL BE NICE TO BE THERE IN THE FLESH...
SUCH AS THE FLESH IS THESE DAYS.

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. The messy situation from the past few days is now under control. You may initiate your postponed work, and with this blessing, you may reap the rewards of your hard work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your financial health. Expect unexpected opportunities that may increase your business or work. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may not feel well and might experience health issues, which can affect your profession and domestic life. You may feel upset due to your spouse's health issues, and your patience may be tested many times. It is advised not to invest in new business projects, as you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid distractions and work hard in their studies.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon, enabling you to make quick decisions in your professional life. You can expect new opportunities in terms of business that will boost your confidence. You may start new innovations with the help of your business partner, which will increase your business in the near future.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, and any chronic health issues may be cured now. Your kids' health may also improve. The money that was stuck somewhere may likely be recovered, and you may be able to repay your debts.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, bringing you peace of mind. You may become decisive and seize opportunities without a second thought. Past karma may help you sustain in any situation and show you the right path. Love birds may enjoy happy moments, and job aspirants may find suitable jobs with the help of friends.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull and detached from responsibilities, which may upset you. You may struggle to fulfill your commitments, affecting your prestige. Arrogance may be your downfall, impacting both your professional and domestic life. Internally, you may lack confidence, hindering your ability to be creative at work.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel enthusiastic and have a strong focus on your goals. Achieving your targets will come easily. Short work-related trips are likely, which will bring benefits in the near future. Your subordinate staff may help you complete important projects, but disputes with siblings may arise.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may plan to invest more capital into the family business, which will increase its success in the near future. Expect rewards for your social services and good news within the family, creating a joyful environment. You may also enjoy some delicious food.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel happy, and your health is also good, providing you with inner strength and self-confidence. Your subconscious mind will prevent you from getting entangled in messy tasks. Your social prestige may increase, and with good karma, destiny may help you start innovative endeavours.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel unhappy and disappointed. It is advised to control your arrogance, as harsh words may lead to losses in your interactions. Avoid long trips and rush driving. Stay away from bay areas or oceans.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, there will be peace of mind. Your earnings will boost your financial health. Enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, enhancing harmony in your family life. Singles may find a suitable match, and you can expect ample opportunities at work with noticeable progress in your life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, with the help of your strong network at work, you can implement your plans successfully. Your hard work may result in a big order. There will be good understanding between you and your spouse, increasing harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

KIDZONE

Sarvesh R, 6 Years, VIBGYOR High School

Himani Singh S, 5 Years, Euro Kids

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Speed upstream = 3/4 * 2/15 * 60 km/hr = 4 km/hr
Speed downstream = 3/4 * 2/15 * 60 km/hr = 6 km/hr
Therefore Speed in still water = 1/2 (4+6) km/hr = 5 km/hr

RIDDLER
Better Late Than Never

BULL'S EYE
coil, colic, cool, coop, loco, loop, PICCOLO, polio, pool, polo, pool

FAST FIVE

C	O	W	L	S
A	R	E	A	L
M	A	S	S	Y
U	L	N	A	R
S	C	U	B	A

STRIKE OUT

D	A	N	C	E	R	■	L	E	T	T	E	R	■	■
E	A	S	E	L	E	S	I	■	E	■	■	■	■	■
H	A	C	K	E	D	■	P	O	O	B	A	H	■	■
C	L	■	L	O	N	E	R	■	B	■	T	■	■	■
T	H	I	S	■	L	A	R	■	S	A	R	I	■	■
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Y	E	L	L	E	D	■	E	P	O	C	H	S	■	■
R	E	■	L	I	O	N	S	■	A	■	O	■	■	■
D	E	P	O	S	E	■	K	A	F	T	A	N	■	■

QUICK

C	O	S	T	■	K	N	O	C	K	O	U	T	■	■
O	■	U	■	L	■	O	■	H	■	R	■	■	■	■
N	O	T	I	O	N	S	■	O	R	I	V	Y	A	■
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QUOTE UNCODE
You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

MENSA PUZZLE
23: the third line is the first line of figures reversed. The fourth line is the second line of figures reversed

SUDOKU

6	2	4	9	8	5	3	7	1
1	7	9	3	2	4	6	5	8
8	5	3	7	6	1	9	4	2
5	4	2	6	7	3	8	1	9
3	6	7	8	1	9	5	2	4
9	8	1	5	4	2	7	3	6
4	9	8	1	3	7	2	6	5
2	3	5	4	9	6	1	8	7
7	1	6	2	5	8	4	9	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, It, Tie, Edit, Tepid, Tripped, Trapped.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 – 6 x 7 – 3 = 4
Medium
3 + 7 / 5 + 7 = 9
Hard
3 – 3 / 5 + 3 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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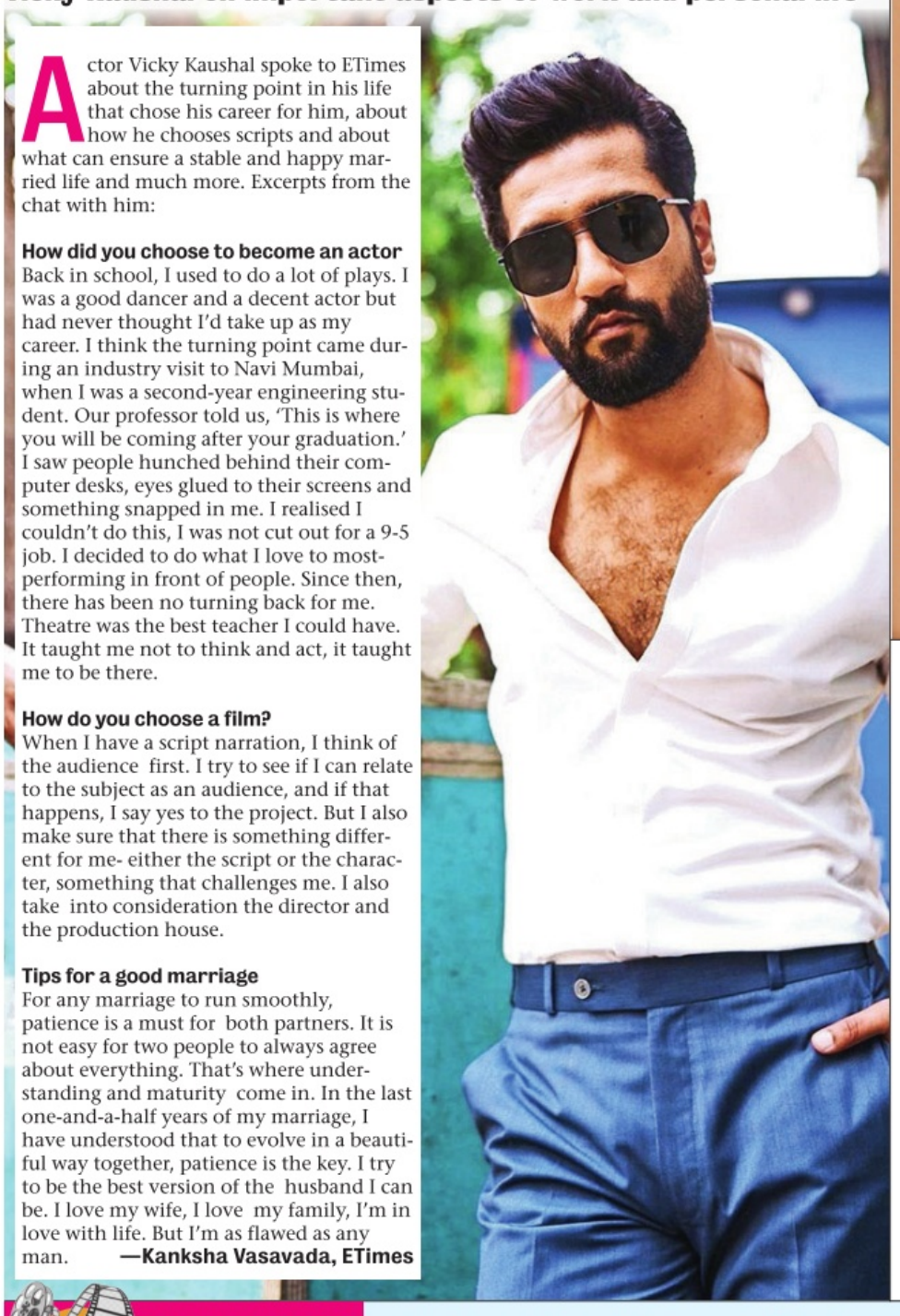
INTERVIEW VICKY KAUSHAL , ACTOR

Up, close and personal

Vicky Kaushal on important aspects of work and personal life



Actor Vicky Kaushal spoke to ETimes about the turning point in his life that chose his career for him, about how he chooses scripts and about what can ensure a stable and happy married life and much more. Excerpts from the chat with him:

How did you choose to become an actor
Back in school, I used to do a lot of plays. I was a good dancer and a decent actor but had never thought I'd take up as my career. I think the turning point came during an industry visit to Navi Mumbai, when I was a second-year engineering student. Our professor told us, 'This is where you will be coming after your graduation.' I saw people hunched behind their computer desks, eyes glued to their screens and something snapped in me. I realised I couldn't do this, I was not cut out for a 9-5 job. I decided to do what I love to most- performing in front of people. Since then, there has been no turning back for me. Theatre was the best teacher I could have. It taught me not to think and act, it taught me to be there.

How do you choose a film?
When I have a script narration, I think of the audience first. I try to see if I can relate to the subject as an audience, and if that happens, I say yes to the project. But I also make sure that there is something different for me- either the script or the character, something that challenges me. I also take into consideration the director and the production house.

Tips for a good marriage
For any marriage to run smoothly, patience is a must for both partners. It is not easy for two people to always agree about everything. That's where understanding and maturity come in. In the last one-and-a-half years of my marriage, I have understood that to evolve in a beautiful way together, patience is the key. I try to be the best version of the husband I can be. I love my wife, I love my family, I'm in love with life. But I'm as flawed as any man. **—Kanksha Vasavada, ETimes**

Mama's girl

Actor Madhuri Dixit Nene misses her mother who passed away earlier this year and took to social media to pen an emotional message on her birth anniversary.

Taking to Instagram, Madhuri also shared a collage of pictures featuring old pictures of herself with her mum.

She captioned the post, "Heaven gained an angel with you, Aai. Happy birthday to the most perfect mother ever to grace both Earth and Heaven. I love you so much."

As soon as the post was uploaded, the actor's fans dropped their comments.

One of the users wrote, "Mother is the biggest fighter in the world."

A fan wrote, "A beautiful mother-daughter duo."

Another commented, "That moment when you cannot figure out what to comment because words feel insufficient."

Madhuri's mom passed away peacefully at the age of 90 years at their residence in Mumbai on March 12 this year.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Madhuri was last seen in 'Maja Ma'. Helmed by Anand Tiwari and written by Sumit Batheja, the film, a family entertainer, set against the celebratory backdrop of a traditional festival and a quintessential, colourful Indian wedding. The film premiered exclusively on the OTT platform Amazon Prime Video. **— ANI**

Carpentry skills did the trick

Hollywood star Tom Holland has revealed how he wooed girlfriend Zendaya. The 27-year-old actor shared that he put his carpentry skills to good use to impress Zendaya.

He revealed that he impressed her by fixing her door, noting that now they're "in love". Asked about being a "trained carpenter from a long line of carpenters", he told UNILAD, quoted by 'Female First UK', "Carpentry is something I just really enjoy. I love it. I made my mum's kitchen table, I made my mum's office. I built a little birdhouse with my granddad". He further mentioned, "I fixed my girlfriend's door once really early on in our relationship. I was hanging out at her house and her door was broken. I was like, 'I'm gonna fix that door for you.' And now we're in love". The 'Spider-Man' star previously said he was sent to carpentry school by his parents in 2014 after being stuck in "a bit of a rut" with his acting career. **—IANS**

COLOURFUL FAMILY

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan, on Tuesday, shared a new picture from her summer family vacation.

Taking to Instagram, Kareena shared the picture and captioned it, "We like our breakfasts to be CoLoUrFuL. Summer of 2023."

In the picture, Bebo could be seen with her husband Saif Ali Khan and both the kids Taimur and Jeh, enjoying breakfast at a luxurious restaurant. Soon after she dropped the picture, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

"Happy family," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Jeh looks mischievous... I bet he is quite a handful. such a lovely picture!" "beautiful family," a fan wrote. Kareena often posts pictures from her vacation diary, which garners likes and shares in large numbers from netizens. The star couple tied the knot on October 2012 in a private ceremony in Mumbai and was blessed with Taimur in 2016 and later in 2021 they became parents to Jeh. Meanwhile, on the work front, Kareena will be next seen in Rhea Kapoor's 'The Crew', which also stars Kriti Sanon, Diljit Dosanjh and Tabu. **ANI**

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Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Special effect

Nikhil Siddhartha and Iswarya Menon were in Bengaluru on Monday to promote their movie Spy that is scheduled for release on June 29 in Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. Daggupati Rana makes a special appearance in the film.

Expressing gratitude to Daggupati, Nikhil said that he got goosebumps while watching his performance on the screen. "Rana is my college friend. I approached him to act in Spy. After narrating the script, he agreed. He is famous across the country for Bahubali and his performance is an added value for Spy," said Nikhil. Thanking cine-goers for encouraging his earlier movie Karthikeya 2, Nikhil said that he took all care to ensure perfect sync in lip movement while dubbing in Kannada. "The dubbed version of Spy is on par with the original version. I will begin dubbing my voice in Kannada as soon as I learn to speak flawless Kannada," he said.

On the efforts for Spy, he said the team of the movie did a lot of research before making the script. "Our director and his team consulted eminent scholars and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose family members for inputs," he said.

Producers and actors

Monk the Young may very well be the first movie to have all the producers share the screen with the lead pair. The movie is scheduled for release in six languages – Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and Malayalam.

Narrating how the actors became producers of the movie, Colonel Rajendran (retired), one of the five producers, said the director offered him a character role in the movie and initially there was no plan to invest money in the movie."I came to know about the financial constraints of the producer, director and hero in making this movie. The director did not ask me to provide finance for this movie. It is my decision to invest money. I also contacted my friends Lal Chand and Vinay Babu Reddy to join hands with me. They have agreed to invest some money," said Colonel Rajendran (retired).

He said that he has been residing in Bengaluru after retiring from the military service. "My goal is to speak Kannada without any mistakes. I love Bengaluru because my wife is from Bengaluru," he said.

The shooting of the movie began three years ago and it needs three more months to be ready for release.